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IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTICE OF
PROPOSED RULEMAKING FOR THE
ENVIRONMENTAL PORTFOLIO STANDARD.

) DOCKET NO. RE-00000C-00-0377
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) TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER
) COMPANY'S COMMENTS
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The Arizona Corporation Commission's adoption of the proposed Environmental Portfolio Standard in A.C.C. Decision No. 62506 will foster development of long-term, cost effective and sustainable growth in Arizona's renewable industries. The proposed Environmental Portfolio Standard puts forth a reasonable approach that will encourage the development of renewable energy resources within the State of Arizona.

TEP is committed to increasing the use of renewable resources in its generation portfolio and supports an Environmental Portfolio Standard in Arizona that is consistent with the goals of electric competition and the long-term power needs of the State. The proposed Environmental Portfolio Standard in its present form provides flexibility in choice of renewable resources, which is an important element in the development of cost-effective solutions. TEP believes solar power has strong potential in Arizona. TEP also believes the Environmental Portfolio Standard should include other renewable energy resources with strong potential such as wind, landfill gas, etc. TEP urges the Commission to adopt an inclusive approach to the development of environmentally friendly sources of energy within the State of Arizona.

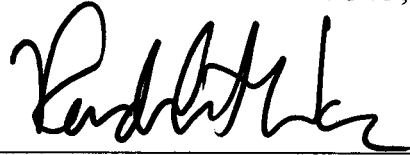
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1 Tucson Electric Power supports adoption of the proposed Environmental Portfolio Standard
2 with no modifications.

3 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 4th day of October, 2000.

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